

APPLICANT: ANDREWS, G.
SERIAL NO.: 09/829,774
PAGE: 2

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composite yarn, comprising:

- (a) a core having at least one metallic wire, and
- (b) a cover yarn including fluid-soluble strand, and selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polactic acid
- (c) an elastomeric strand.

Claims 2-3 (previously canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim 1, wherein said composite yarn comprises a core, and a cover wrapped around said core consists of a single strand of metallic wire.

Claim 5 (previously canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein said core comprises a multifilament stainless steel said metallic wire.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein said core comprises a 0.002 inch stainless steel said metallic wire and said elastomeric strand, and said cover comprises said fluid soluble strand.

Claim 8 (previously canceled).

APPLICANT: ANDREWS, G.
SERIAL NO.: 09/829,774
PAGE: 3

Claim 9 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product intended for subsequent processing into a metallic fabric suitable for fabrication, comprising a composite yarn comprising:

- (a) a fabric comprised of a core having at least one metallic wire for providing cut resistance; and
- (b) a cover yarn including a fluid-soluble strand selected from the group consisting of co-nylon and polyactic acid, wherein said cover yarn can be dissolved fluid-soluble strand for dissolving after formation of the intermediate fabric product; and
- (c) an elastomeric strand for retaining a predetermined shape of the intermediate fabric product after said fluid-soluble strand is dissolved.

Claim 10 (previously canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said core metallic wire comprises a multifilament stainless steel wire.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said core consists of a single strand of metallic wire composite yarn comprises a core and a cover wrapped around said core.

Claim 13 (previously canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim [[9]] 12, wherein said cover yarn comprises at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite

APPLICANT: ANDREWS, G.
SERIAL NO.: 09/829,774
PAGE: 4

~~twist directions around said core yarn~~ said fluid-soluble strand.

Claim 15 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim [[9]] 12, wherein said core comprises a multi-filament steel said metallic wire.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim [[15]] 12, wherein ~~wire comprises a 0.002 inch stainless steel wire~~ core comprises said elastomeric yarn.

Claim 17 (original): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said intermediate fabric product comprises a knitted fabric.

Claims 18-34 (previously withdrawn).

Claim 35 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim [[1]] 4, wherein said cover yarn comprises at least two strands of co-nylon wrapped in opposite twist directions around said core yarn.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A composite yarn according to claim [[35]] 6 wherein said cover yarn has a denier of 750 cover comprises said fluid-soluble strand and said elastomeric strand.

Claim 37 (canceled).

APPLICANT: ANDREWS, G.
SERIAL NO.: 09/829,774
PAGE: 5

Claim 38 (currently amended): An intermediate fabric product according to claim [[14]] 12, wherein said cover yarn has a denier of 750 core comprises said fluid-soluble strand.

Claim 39 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 12, wherein said core comprises said metallic wire and said elastomeric strand, and said cover comprises said fluid-soluble strand.

Claim 40 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 12, wherein said core comprises said fluid-soluble strand and said elastomeric strand, and said cover comprises said metallic wire.

Claim 41 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said fluid-soluble strand is selected from the group consisting of co-nylon, polylactic acid and polyvinyl alcohol.

Claim 42 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said elastomeric strand comprises Spandex.

Claim 43 (New): An intermediate fabric product according to claim 9, wherein said elastomeric strand comprises rubber.